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TOPIC Stendal-Borstel Airfield

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1. Between 10 a.m. and noon on 10, 12 and 14 January 1952, school flying was practiced over Stendal-Borstel airfield by individual planes with extended landing gears. The planes flew large circles. Between noon and 2 p.m. on 15 January, two aircraft dived from high altitude and pulled out of dive about 100 meters above the ground. On the other days between 9 and 16 January, no flying was observed from the town. On the afternoon of 16 January, 8 single-engine low-wing monoplane and 2 biplanes were parked in front of the closed hangars. A radio truck with an extended mast was parked in the northwestern corner of the landing field. The mast supported a radiating antenna.

2. Between 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on 23 January, there was flying at the field. A radio truck, 20 single-engine low-wing monoplane and 6 biplanes were parked at the take-off point on the southern edge of the field. Two planes took off at an interval of about 30 seconds. The first plane did not retract its landing gear, while the second one immediately retracted its landing gear and joined the first one. The planes remained in the air for about 20 minutes. After the landing, the aircraft taxied to the middle hangar which was open. Motor vehicles which were observed entering and leaving the field included jeep ☐ trucks ☐ with trailer ☐ and trucks ☐ *

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* ☐ Comment. According to other information, Stendal-Borstel airfield is occupied by a ground attack regiment and an air reconnaissance regiment. The two units are equipped with ground attack planes. ☐ were not able to distinguish the two regiments. Since the ground attack regiment alone is equipped with about 60 IL-10s, it is believed that most of the aircraft were parked in the hangars on the days of observation. The exact aircraft strength of the air reconnaissance regiment has not been determined.

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